

SUMMIT THERAPY ANIMALS ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 2, 2014-6 p.m.

Senior Community Center, Fremont Room,

Frisco, CO

Minutes

- I. Call to order and welcome: - 6:03pm Susan Alderman and Lyn Manton Krueger

- II. Treasurer's Report approved (see report): Jan Shipman
 - A. Ullrs \$250.00 donation-membership matching: Brad Perry:
Ullrs willing to match \$250.00 - Jan can send a letter for "Tax Deductible" to those wanting to donate.
 - B. Where is monies going?
 1. Recuitment - advertising/fliers
 2. Buy more manuals - to have on hand.
 3. Vests for the dogs - to have on hand (S,M,L)
 4. Corporation Donations (i.e. Ullrs, Dog Den) solely new recruitments

- III. Website report: Brad - 'Still there!' Should we change the page with our members? Challenged with members sharing their 'bios'. Could just do a collage with the teams? Members really like the 'Bios.' Email Brad at brad@sleddogcafe.com

A. Still want to do a 'Memorial Page.' Maggie Hoff's dog, Blue recently passed away.

IV. Quarterly newsletter: Ann Hill. Still would like help. Ann spearheaded the ideas - more than happy to work on it, just need contributions. Susan willing to help with photos; Donna has the camera. We could seek Crystal Miller, Reading Specialists for articles, even the hospital. Ann needs help!

V. STA Resource Library: Lyn - Thanks to Ann Hill for her help! There is a resource library with books, available for team members at Lyn's office - Dillon Ridge shopping Center area (next to gas station).

VI. Project HOPE: Susan Animal Assisted Emergency Response Dogs: Conference certifying people/social workers. Susan shared how this group brings dogs to experiences where a crisis has occurred. There is a certification for those interested - a 3-day workshop. Interested? See Susan. These dogs help First Responders - Firefighters, Ambulance Workers, People that have been injured.

VII. R.E.A.D.

A. Handout: Susan shared about the Weekly READ - a good resource teams. She shared about 'The Complete Reader' and Skill/Will.

B. Current with READ? Be sure you are registered with READ - Therapy Dogs, Inc. They do need a positive 'fecal sample results' and Proof of Rabies Vaccination - make a

copy for

Therapy Dogs, Inc. Susan read the list of those

not current with READ to remind them to re-register (done yearly).

VIII. New team recruitment: Lyn - Sam & Mark are new! Welcome! School is back in session, we could reach out to the newspaper for Team recruitments. Also suggested was 'March or April Workshops'. A contact list for teams willing to be observed.

IX. Presentations to community funders: Brad Status report. None this year. A group? Who? Summit Association of Relators or Chamber of Commerce was suggested.

X. What our teams are doing: Team members report on their community volunteering. (2 minute max per team)

A. Brad/Max: Blue River - 6 kids; 1 1/2 hours also did the Breck library (4th year) during the summer.

B. Brad shared what other teams were doing that were not able to attend the meeting.

(1) Patti Smith: active with R.E.A.D. at Breck Elementary, visits to St. Anthony's Hospital and Physical Therapy visits.

(2) Maggie Hillman: active with R.E.A.D. at Silverthorne Elementary and did some Timberline visits this past spring.

(3) Maggie Hoff: unfortunately her partner Lexi passed away unexpectedly in August. She had been doing summer reading at the Breck Library (and spent her winters in Arizona working with special needs kids).

(4) Dawn Banas: active with R.E.A.D. at Upper Blue Elementary. Dawn is the primary contact for "therapy dog requests" from Bristlecone, Domis Pacis and Advocates for Victims of Assault. She has a list of teams willing to help with requests from these organizations. There have been about 6 calls for "therapy teams" from these 3 organizations in the past year (and she is hoping it will increase given the success of the few visits).

C. Cynthia & Ursalla - back at the hospital. No READ at this time.

D. Lyn & Vinney: Hospital, Summit Cove Elementary. Lyn shared a story of a student saying his first words "Knee" which was "Vinny" ...and "Go Walk".

E. Mark is new and looking at going to Upper Blue to do READ with his Golden Retriever.

F. Susan & Alma: Frisco Elementary - 6 students. Advocates for Abuse.

G. Sam - New... has a black lab. She is here and Colorado Spgs. Penrose & Children's Hospital, Colo. Spas. And Timberline up here.

H. Donna & Jake - Humane Ed - still doing Humane Education programs for the elementary schools. Donna also shared that TJ & Buddy are doing the Bark for Life October 11th. TJ not able to attend the meeting tonight.

I. Holly & Mavey: Summit Cove 5th graders, READ, Timberline. She shared that Timberline, per Candace, at this time is on hold for more dogs. Will likely start needing help again starting in January. Mavey also helping with Humane Education program as well as the 9-News Health Fair.

J. Tina & ____: READ, High School last year, Girls on the Run, Domas Pacis, Hopefully at H.S. again this year 2nd semester.

K. Kay & Lilly: Frisco Elementary - 5 students; Silverthorne - 8 students.

L. Jan & Woody: Silverthorne Elementary.

M. Ann Hill - full time puppy training right now.

XI. Photo shoot opportunities: Lyn highly recommends Kyla Rys contact info: kylarys@gmail.com

XII. Budget suggestions for 2015: membership, Tee Shirts - Polo Shirts with STA logo. Workshops? Further our educations.

XIII. New venues for volunteering: membership (handouts)

XIV. New business or membership questions.

A. Sunday October 5th at 9am: Blessing of the Pets at Lord of the Mountains Church. Put flyers at the church of STA/READ.

B. Different organizations for teams to get 'certified'. We have been using Therapy Dogs, Inc. There is also Pet Partners (which was Delta Society). Advantage - re-evaluation of teams.

Most people commented like Therapy Dogs, Inc.

C. How many members? 23 current teams!

XV. Adjourn: 7:24pm